(c) Action is on to appropriately amend the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the Lalit Kala Academy and hand over the management of the Academy back to the duly constituted governing bodies early next year.The intention is to have a proper balance between autonomy and accountability.

Reservation for OBCs in Academic Institutions

1509. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide reservation for OBCs for admission in educational and professional institutions; and

(b) if so. the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

Closure of Taj For Preservation

1510. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Taj Mahal is likely to be closed down soon for its preservation;

(b) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has recommended immediate ban on tourists entering the Taj Mahal; and

(c) if so, by when the decision is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Amendments/Changes in the Transfer Guidelines

1511. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amendments/changes made in the July '98 meeting of the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the quidelines for transfer of teachers and principals as also in admissions; and

(b) what necessitated each of these amendments?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Pre-amended Transfer Guidelines together with details of amendments/ changes made therein the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 21.7.1998 alongwith their justification are as per Annexure—[See Appendix 185, Annexure No. 41]. Similar details with regard to Admissions are as per annexural. [See Appendix 185, Annexure No. 41.]

Brain Drain

1512. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of talented students go to USA and other advanced countries for higher and specialised studies, take up lucrative jobs abroad after completing studies and ettle over there, causing serious brain drain with preferred destination;

(b) if so, the details regarding outflow and inflow of young professionals, including doctors, engineers and computer engineers during the last ten years, indicating the recent trends and the number of those who settled there permanently; and